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2 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Cover Officer

SUBJECT : Establishment of World's Altitude record  
Ref: [redacted] copy 1 attached

1. Mr. Bissell has given approval to use the U-2 on one flight to establish a world's altitude record. It is requested that you take the following action.

a. Discuss the possibility of establishing a world's record with your MACA contact and determine from them what instrumentation and protocol is necessary for this, using the U-2 aircraft at Watertown.

b. Obtain the necessary instrumentation through MACA and arrange for its shipment to Watertown.

2. Once the instrumentation is obtained, suggest you work closely with Operations in order to set up and make this altitude run.

3. As you know, such record will have to be held closely guarded once it is made and security maintained until some future date when it will be released.

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Deputy Project Director

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